

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Special Education Agreement; Contract Negotiations' Update – Food Service, Teacher Assistants/Bus Aides, Technical Assistants, Secretaries); PL 42-46-5(a)(3) Security (Elementary School – Matters of Security).

2. Executive Session

3. Call to Order – Public Session

4. Roll Call / Quorum

5. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – December 14, 2009

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – October 21 and November 18, 2009

7. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

8. Chairperson's Communications

9. Superintendent's Communications

10. School Committee Member Communications

11. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

12. Consent Agenda / Consent Calendar

RESOLUTIONS

SPONSORED BY MR. LOMBARDI

NO. 09-12-01 – Whereas, Cranston High School West Senior, Gianna Velino, was presented the “Hebert E. Kaplan Youth in Philanthropy Award” by Christine Townsend, wife of the late Hebert E. Kaplan, on November 24, 2009, and

Whereas, as the winner of this award, Gianna Velino will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship, and

Whereas, Gianna has earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for 2006, 2007, and 2008 and has been continuously involved in her school's Skills USA Program at Cranston West, serving as board member, President and National Regional Vice President.

Be it RESOLVED, that Gianna be congratulated for "Outstanding Community Service" at the National Philanthropy Day ceremony.

Be it further RESOLVED, that Gianna Velino be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

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NO. 09-12-02 - Whereas, the Cranston School Food Service Program has lost a total of \$792,732 over the last three years and is expected to run a deficit in the current year, and

Whereas, the Cranston School Department had a deficit of approximately \$4 million in 2008-09 and is projected to run a deficit in 2009-10, and

Whereas, the New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy had a surplus of \$237,089 in 2008-09 and is projected to run a surplus of \$325,000 in 2009-10, and

Whereas, the New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools

Construction Career Academy comprises approximately 1.5 percent of the students served by the Cranston School Food Service Program.

Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee bills the New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy for its share of the Cranston School Food Service Program's deficit or \$11,891.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee advises the New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy that a food service deficit is expected in the current year that will result in similar charges to the academy.

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NO. 09-12-03 - Whereas, the New England Laborers/Cranston Public Schools Construction Academy is a partnership between the Laborers International Union of North America and the Cranston Public Schools, and

Whereas, the December 5, 2006 agreement signed by then Superintendent, M. Richard Scherza, and Construction Academy board chairman, Michael Traficante, sets some of the financial obligations of the Laborers International Union of North America and the Cranston Public Schools at the Construction Academy, and

Whereas, the Construction Academy board has unilaterally altered that agreement by deciding to pay \$193,840 during the 2009-10 school year in costs that the December 5, 2006 agreement says the Laborers International Union of North America will pay.

Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee shall inform the Construction Academy board that it expects the Construction Academy to pay \$193,840 during the 2009-10 school year in costs that the December 5, 2006 agreement says Cranston Public Schools will pay.

And be it further RESOLVED, that if the Construction Academy fails to pay the \$193,840 by January 15, 2010, the Cranston School Committee shall meet to consider appropriate action.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 09-12-04- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

**Robert E. Cooney, Assistant Principal
Cranston High School East**

Effective Date...June 30, 2010

Mary Ackroyd, Teacher

Itinerant

Effective Date...December 30, 2009

NO. 09-12-05 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified administrator be appointed as follows:

Paul Heatherton

Elementary School Principal

Chester Barrows Elementary School

Contract Effective: January 4, 2010

See Attached Financial Impact Analysis

NO. 09-12-06 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified administrator be appointed as follows:

Christopher D'Ambrosio

High School Assistant Principal

Cranston High School East

Contract Effective: July 1, 2010

See Attached Financial Impact Analysis

NO. 09-12-07 -RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Beth Collins, Social Work

Moffarah Forsythe, General Subject Matter K-12

Kathleen Hook, Elementary

Anna Bashmakova, General Subject Matter K-12

Gretchen Proulx, Spec. Ed. Elementary/Middle

Megan Pagliarini, Spec. Ed. Elementary/Middle

NO. 09-12-08 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as an athletic coach:

Cranston High School West

David Barr Head Coach Boys' Indoor Track

Cranston High School East

Michael Crudale Head Coach Boys' Indoor Track

Carl Bishop Assistant Coach Boys' Indoor Track

Lauren McGrail Head Coach Girls' Basketball

William Monigan Head Coach Boys' Basketball

Paul Bessette Head Coach Boys' Hockey

NO. 09-12-09 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said non-certified personnel be recalled from layoff,

and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Superintendent notify those individuals of the committee's actions.

NO. 09-12-10 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:

Tabitha Ormonde, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date...November 2, 2009

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note...14347518 518600

Dorothy Marsocci, Teacher Assistant

Cranston High School West

Effective Date...December 15, 2009

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note...12632032 519500

NO. 09-12-11 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Rose Iannone, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date...December 29, 2009

NO. 09-12-12 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Christina Carter, Program Manager

Cranston's Community Learning Center

Effective Date...January 5, 2010

Maryann Papa, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date...December 7, 2009

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 09-12-13 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:

1. Philip Faraone, Music Teacher at Cranston High School West, and 46 students of the West Choir, to travel to Washington, DC from April 19, 2010 – April 22, 2010 to perform two concert performances and tour the National Capital, at no cost to the school department and no school days missed (Spring Break). Please see the attached "Field

Trip of Long Duration” form.

2. Andrea Piccirillo, School Psychologist at Stone Hill, Stadium, Edgewood Highland and Woodridge Schools, to travel to Chicago, IL from March 3, 2010 – March 6, 2010 to attend the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference, at no cost to the school department and no substitute needed. Please see attached “Conference Form” and back-up.

3. Karen Verrengia, Energy Manager for Cranston Public Schools, to travel to Fort Worth, TX from February 1, 2010 – February 3, 2010 to attend the E.E.I. Winter 2010 National Training Conference, at no cost to the school department. Funding to be provided by the Energy, Training, and Materials Account. Please see attached “Conference Form” and back-up.

POLICIES

NO. 09-12-14 - RESOLVED, that Policy #2525, Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy, as amended, be approved for second and final reading (Policy attached).

BUSINESS

NO. 09-12-15- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the negotiated settlement agreement for the special

education complaint that was filed at the Rhode Island Department of Education on July 28, 2009 by Rhode Island Legal Services, be accepted.

Purchases and Purchased Services

NO. 09-12-16 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Reconditioning of Football Equipment be awarded as follows:

Helmet \$22.99 Riddell

Shoulder Pad \$ 8.50 Riddell

Rib Pad \$ 3.99 Riddell

Game Jersey \$ 1.50 Stadium/Riddell

Game Pant \$ 1.70 Stadium

Number of bids issued 2

Number of bids received 2

TABLED FOOD SERVICE BUDGET

NO. 09-9-19 – RESOLVED, that the Food Service budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be accepted. (Budget Attached)

13. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

14. New Business

15. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

16. Announcement of Future Meetings

17. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's website at www.cpsed.net, Cranston Public Schools' Administration Building, 845 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI and will be Electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the Agenda.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8170 72 hours in

advance of hearing date.

Notice Posted: December 10, 2009 / Cranston Herald

AMENDED POLICY

2525

CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

School Administrators Use of Personal Cell Phones

The Cranston Public Schools will allow school administrators who use their personal cell phones for “Business Use” to be reimbursed. School Administrators shall be defined as; all Central Administration, Principals and Special Education Directors. This reimbursement applies to those School Department issues that are handled during the non-business hours (i.e. nights and weekends) or out of office times.

The administrators must submit a highlighted cellular phone bill that details the time spent on each call. This phone bill must be attached to a requisition form that has been approved by a superior to be considered for reimbursement. Forms will be forwarded to the

Business Office for payment. Calls will be reimbursed at a maximum rate of 10 cents per minute.

RESOLUTION NO.: Cranston Public Schools
POLICY ADOPTED: Cranston, Rhode Island

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOOD SERVICE BUDGET

2009 - 2010

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	
BUDGET CATEGORY	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	
Sales:					
Lunch Sales	1,425,229	1,330,606	1,221,727	1,214,200	
Government Reimbursement	1,140,215	1,250,375	1,253,445	1,280,000	

State Matching Fund 30,430 29,304 27,404 28,000

Total Sales 2,595,874 2,610,284 2,502,576 2,522,200

Cost Of Goods Sold:

Purchases 1,222,148 1,285,270 1,298,843 1,315,239

Gross Profit 1,373,726 1,325,015 1,203,733 1,206,961

Operating Expenses:

Payroll 978,022 1,014,150 987,849 957,975

Benefits 367,624 344,803 373,922 296,380

Repairs and Maintenance 50,812 49,098 53,809 58,000

Supplies and Materials 171,580 153,620 148,674 151,000

**Total Operating Expenses 1,568,038 1,561,670 1,564,254
1,463,355**

Income from Operations (194,312) (236,656) (360,521) (256,394)

Other Income:

Catering 18,872 19,893 15,743 16,400

Other Income Schools & K-Milk 12,708 9,957 3,359 4,200

Interest 2,069 1,956 933 1,000

Total Other Income 33,649 31,805 20,035 21,600

Other Expenses:

Depreciation Expense 24,258 22,609 0 10,200

Professional & Tech Services	8,136	3,744	2,438	2,500
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Travel	4,730	4,991	5,626	0
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Total Other Expenses	37,124	31,344	8,064	12,700
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Net Income (Loss)	(197,787)	(236,195)	(348,550)	(247,494)
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